

LOW FARES? YES;
BUT NO SCALPERS

Wholesale Merchants Confer
with Railroad Passen-
ger Agents.

WOULD COAX BUYERS HERE.

Ask for Cheaper Fares for Six
Weeks During the Spring
and Autumn.

THEN BUSINESS WOULD BOOM.

But, First, the Railroads Want Governor
Black to Sign the Anti-Scalper
Bill Now in His
Hands.

"Will you give us lower railroad rates
six weeks in the Spring and six weeks each
Autumn, so that buyers may flock to New
York and boom business?" asked the
wholesale merchants of this city of the
railroad men yesterday.

"Yes, we will," answered the passenger
agents, "but first help us to get rid of the
ticket scalpers."

This question was put, this answer made
at a meeting of the Wholesale Merchants'
Association, at the Merchants' Club. The
meeting was presided over by William F.
King, of Calhoun, Robbins & Co., who is
tired up of nerves and politeness, and
who has a ruddy face, gray hair and a
nose like an eagle's beak.

Mr. King has been foremost in this move-
ment to induce buyers away from the Mis-
sissippi and from the extreme South, to come
to this commercial metropolis. Mr. King
and his associates are particularly anxious
that, after paying their railroad fares, the
buyers should have enough money left in
their pockets to buy goods.

At the meeting were John C. Clavin, John
C. Eames, W. E. Toff, J. M. Beach, G. C.
Clarke, H. H. Sayre, William F. King,
Tracy H. Fisher, H. W. Smith, J. E.
Nichols, J. Howard Sweetser, George L.
Putnam, L. P. Farmer, John C. Juhring,
C. C. Roache, H. B. Jazgo, Frederick Hav-
land, F. V. Barton, J. W. Clark, Lee
Kohns, W. T. Buckley, C. H. Wells, L. C.
Pellman, George Clinton Batcheller, Dan-
iel P. Morse, H. G. Davidson, G. H. Dan-
iels, Franklin P. and Charles H. Dean.

Mr. Roache, the New York Central's gen-
eral Eastern passenger agent, assured the
merchants that the Trunk Lines Associa-
tion will doubtless reduce fares, at their
request if only Governor Black will sign the
Anti-Railroad Ticket Scalpers bill
now before him. Mr. Roache had bundles
of counterfeit railroad tickets and other
exhibits to prove that the scalpers are
very wicked indeed.

At the merchants' solicitation the Trunk
Lines Association issued cheaper tickets
during the Grant memorial celebration.
Mr. Roache declared that 40 per cent of
these tickets had gone into the hands of
scalpers, which would go to show that
some merchants from the South and West
visited New York at mighty small expense.

Mr. Farmer and Mr. Daniels spoke to the
same point, although they could not promise
anything. Mr. Daniels, however, said that
the Governor Black to sign the Anti-
Scalpers bill were unanimously passed
after they had been down by John
Clavin, who plainly thinks there are some
good scalpers, friends of drummers in need.

The railroad men then withdrew and
Mr. Clavin, who presided, said that the
purpose of the association—benefit alike
to wholesalers, buyers and railroads—said
that about 100 men had been in New York
city since the first of the month, and that
April 1 and from August 20 to October 1.
When these dates are arranged each trade
will have a headquarters for buyers, who
will return to their homes, when they need
not fear they will have to walk home.

WHEAT NOT SO FIRM.

Favorable Crop Reports from the West Cause
a Slight Decline in
Prices.

On 'Change, Tuesday, May 4.

Following are to-day's cash prices for
simple commercial products:

Wheat, No. 2 red.....	No quotation
Corn, No. 2 mixed.....	25 1/2
Oats, No. 2 mixed.....	22 1/2
Cotton, middling.....	17 1/2
Coffee, No. 7 Rio.....	.08 1/2
Flour, Min. patent.....	84 1/2
Flour, prime.....	82 1/2
Molasses, O. K. prime.....	.29
Bugar, granulated.....	.04 1/2
Butter, Western.....	.11 1/2
Cheese, State full cream.....	.11 1/2
Eggs, Western.....	.06 1/2
Butter, Louisiana.....	.06 1/2
Butter, Wisconsin.....	.06 1/2

The weather in the Spring and Winter
wheat country was the controlling factor
in the wheat market during the first
half of the year. All reports were
favorable to the growing crops and indi-
cated a big yield if present conditions pre-
vail long enough. The effect of this was
for prices to open 1/2c to 3/4c under last
night's closing figures, though active sell-
ing was not induced. Early trade was very
quiet, and the weak undertone was the
only thing which reflected outside in-
fluences. First cables from Liverpool were
advised to be advanced, but little attention
was given to them, when it was learned
there was no foreign interest in the
market.

The first part of the afternoon the
market declined 1/2c further under liquid-
ation, additional good crop reports, local
pressure and ralling by bears in Chicago.
Long wheat came out the buyers, and
and for a while it seemed if the market
would be demoralized.

A sudden drop in export demand and the
posting of Bradstreet's statement, showing
the enormous decrease of 6,200,000 bushels
in the world's stock last week, steadied
the situation and gave the bulls back some
of their fast oozing courage. With this
support they hoisted prices back to the
best level of the day, but were unable to
keep them there. Near the end renewed
liquidation and short selling brought on
the old weakness and prices closed near
the lowest at a net loss of 1/4c to 3/8c.

Export sales reported were 25 loads, or
about 200,000 bushels, No. 1 Northern
wheat was quoted at 70 1/2c, free on board
adroit; No. 1 hard Duluth, 81 1/2c, free
on board adroit; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 79 1/2c,
free on board adroit.

The corn market moved very quietly all
day, with its undertone in sympathy
with wheat. Prices lost 1/4c to 1/2c. Cash
sales were 248,000 bushels for export.
There was a moderately active trade in
oats, with the market fairly steady.

Flour was unchanged, with a decline of
1/2c. Cash sales were 99,000 bushels. Flour
very weak with wheat, but business
was limited. Sales were about 7,300 bar-

rels. The trade in hog products was very
light. Prices lost 1/2c to 1/4c.

Following is the range of prices:

New York.

WHEAT.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
July.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
September.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
October.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2
December.....	75 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	76 1/2

CORN.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
July.....	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
September.....	25 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2

OATS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
July.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
September.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2

LARD.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30

Chicago.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2
July.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2
September.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2

CORN.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
July.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
September.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2

OATS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
July.....	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2
September.....	16 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2

LARD.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
July.....	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
September.....	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05

RIBS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	4.62 1/2	4.65	4.57 1/2	4.57 1/2
July.....	4.62 1/2	4.65	4.57 1/2	4.57 1/2
September.....	4.62 1/2	4.65	4.57 1/2	4.57 1/2

PORK.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	8.50	8.50	8.45	8.45
July.....	8.50	8.50	8.45	8.45
September.....	8.50	8.50	8.45	8.45

RYE.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	—	—	—	—
July.....	—	—	—	—
September.....	—	—	—	—

Minneapolis.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2
July.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2
September.....	70 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	71 1/2

WHEAT.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
July.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
September.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2

CORN.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
July.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
September.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2

OATS.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
July.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
September.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2

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May.....	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
July.....	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.05
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May.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
July.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2
September.....	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2

CORN.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
July.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
September.....	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2

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May.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
July.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2
September.....	22 1/2	23 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2

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